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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I've been a long time customer of an independent CLEC: Sonic.net out of Santa Rosa. (More than 10 years.) To be clear I was forced to use ATT U-verse for roughly 1 year because sonic.net wasn't available in the area I moved to. That one year cost me far more in start/stop and misc fees than Sonic ever came close to charging me. To be clear ATT requires you to 'buy' their box. Sonic allows me to run my own DSL modem.

For pete's sake please have some consideration for these smaller operators. They employ American people in Santa Rosa, CA (not a cheap place to live) And when you call or submit a support ticket you talk to a competent person. Not one that reads of the 'support teleprompter' with a heavy accent. I seldom have to call these folks, because their stuff just works period. (Based on the somewhat frequent complaints from my neighbors, ATT and Comcast are much more troublesome.) Also Sonic provides features (Static IP, IPv6) which are things I need to be able to work from home. Good luck asking Comcast or ATT for that without having to sever of a limb.

I faintly hope you have some due consideration for the smaller CLEC's that work their behinds of to provide solid service.

Regards,

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